

Sick Child Policy

MARINE ACADEMY PRIMARY and Nursery POLICIES

VERSION CONTROL SHEET

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Aims of the Policy

At Marine Academy Primary & Nursery and Nursery we are committed to looking after each pupil and member of staff and to this end our Sick Child Policy sets out our position for maintaining a healthy school environment and limiting the spread of disease. This policy is written in conjunction with the [nhs.uk/Livewell](https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell) guidelines and .

When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school. These simple guidelines should help. Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform us on the first day of their absence. We may ask about the nature of the illness and how long you expect the absence to last.

If it becomes clear that your child will be away for longer than expected, phone the Academy as soon as possible to explain this. Before deciding whether or not to keep your child at home, it may be helpful to ask the following questions:

- ★ Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day?
- ★ Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff?

If your child is ill, it is likely to be due to one of a few minor health conditions. Whether you send your child to school will depend on how severe you think the illness is. Use this guidance to help you make that judgement. Remember: if you are concerned about your child's health, consult a health professional.

- ★ Vomiting and diarrhoea: Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. Most cases of diarrhoea and vomiting in children get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.
- ★ Cough and cold: A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, visit the GP and return to school after they start to feel better.
- ★ Raised temperature: If your child has a raised temperature, this does not necessarily mean that they will need to be kept off school. If is not accompanied by any other

symptoms we are happy to administer paracetamol oral suspension, as outlined in our medicine policy.

- ★ Rash: Skin rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. If your child has a rash, check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.
- ★ Headache: A child with a minor headache does not usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.
- ★ Sore throat: A sore throat alone does not have to keep a child from school.
- ★ Chickenpox: If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until five days after the first spot has appeared.
- ★ Head lice: Parents will be informed by a the teacher or Lead practitioner that their child may have head lice so that they can be treated as soon as possible. It is not necessary to keep your child off school whilst treating headlice.

If a pupil becomes sick during the Academy Day.

- ★ If a pupil becomes unwell during the day, parents/carers will receive a call from a member of the admin team and may be asked to collect them as soon as possible.
- ★ Pupils who have become unwell will be quietly sat aside and monitored by an adult until a parent/carer arrives to collect them.
- ★ In the case of a fever, staff will monitor and record the temperature every 20 minutes.